

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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Town of Scarborough
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THE BLUE POINT SCHOOL

REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools.

To the Citizens of Scarborough:

At this time, even more than is usually the case, it is necessary for us to look ahead and plan for meeting our housing obligations.

PLANS FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

During the past year progress has been made in the clearing the way for a satisfactory housing of elementary and high school pupils at Oak Hill. For several years these reports have called attention to the need of a new building which would provide for a junior senior high school. During the year, a site for a high school building has been obtained. A lot of over four acres has been given to the town by Miss Ellen H. Libby for a high school site, with the proviso that the school building shall be erected within five years. To this has been added a lot of two acres obtained through purchase.

The Board of Education, acting under instructions of a special town meeting held Tuesday evening, June 30, 1925, invited eight Maine architects to submit proposed plans for a building. Before the annual town meeting the plans submitted will be in the hands of the Board.

It is the desire of the Board of Education that at the annual town meeting provision be made for the appointment of additional citizens to act with the Board in the study of these plans and selection of a plan to be submitted at that time.

There was an enrollment of 76 pupils in the high school during the fall term. A study of the enrollment in our lower

grades, including the high school possibilities for the individual pupils so far as they can be judged, leads us to the conclusion that in five years the enrollment in the high school will be more than 100 pupils. This does not include any estimate of needs based on the growth of the town. This estimate seems ultra-conservative compared to the estimates on a percentage basis. The increase in high school enrollment between the fall terms of 1920 and 1925 was more than fifty per cent. Assuming the same rate of growth to 1930, the enrollment would be 114 pupils.

It must be remembered that additional room is very necessary for the Oak Hill grammar and primary schools. During the fall term there was an enrollment of 44 pupils in the primary grades, an unreasonably large number for one room. The grammar grade room of 37 pupils was in little better condition for the most efficient work. This situation led us, last year, to change our recommendation to one for an elementary school building. The town, not desiring this, and probably rightly so since a new high school is a better and more permanent solution, must, with all speed consistent with good judgment, provide the new high school. Only by this can we avoid the embarrassing position of having insufficient housing for both elementary and high school pupils.

Incidentally, during the past year we have been forced to place twelve pupils in the Libby School, making the fall enrollment of that school 46 pupils. This seemed to the Board of Education better than to pay more than \$800 tuition to have these pupils educated by another town under conditions which the Board considered less satisfactory than those it could provide. As soon as additional room is available at Oak Hill, it seems practical to transfer some of the surplus pupils from the Libby School to the Oak Hill School.

It should also be remembered that a new housing plan which will provide for the junior-senior high school organiza-

tion, or the so-called 6-3-3 arrangement of grades, will greatly improve the efficiency of our instruction.

It may be worth while to state again, quoting from the report of 1918, the advantages of such a plan. "IN THE ELEMENTARY GROUP (GRADES 1-6) THE CHILD LAYS HIS FOUNDATION; IN THE INTERMEDIATE OR JUNIOR GROUP (GRADES 7-9), THE METHODS OF TEACHING ARE ADAPTED TO THE PHYSIOLOGICAL AND MENTAL CHANGES IN THE CHILD AND HE IS ABLE TO FIND HIMSELF BY A DIFFERENTIATION OF SUBJECTS STUDIED UNDER TEACHERS OF DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES, BOTH HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHERS HAVING A PART IN THE WORK AT THIS STAGE; IN THE SENIOR GROUP (GRADES 10-12) THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, THE BOY OR GIRL BEGINS INTENSIVE WORK ALONG THE LINES HE HAS DISCOVERED DURING THE JUNIOR STAGE TO BE THE MOST CONGENIAL AND PROFITABLE FOR HIM. THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE IS THE CLOSING OF THE GAP BETWEEN GRAMMAR AND HIGH SCHOOL, MAKING HIGH SCHOOL MORE ATTRACTIVE AND THE ADVANCE TO IT AN EASY AND NATURAL STEP."

Since that statement was made in 1918 experience the country over has proved this to be a conservative summary of benefits.

Since the cost of instruction is lessened by any increase in efficiency the change to the junior high school plan will be true economy in that it will give us better teaching for our money.

BLUE POINT SCHOOL.

During the year a thoroughly modern school has been built on a new and satisfactory site at Blue Point. This building contains an attractive main schoolroom, two good sized, airy coatrooms, and separate, sanitary toilets for boys and girls. It is heated by a modern, hot air furnace located in the cellar.

It has electric lights, running water, and a drinking fountain. It is equipped with modern, movable desks.

For school and community use it is provided with a stage, which is used as a library during school sessions.

This building was dedicated on January 4, 1926. It has received hearty commendation from several educators, including Miss Florence M. Hale, State Agent for Rural Education, and Superintendent W. B. Jack, who took part in the dedicatory exercises.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

The space consumed in this report by the discussion of the two outstanding changes in housing,—one achieved and one anticipated,—prevents a detailed account of the educational progress during the year. It is sufficient to state that progress along all the established lines of educational endeavor has been very satisfactory. The appended financial and statistical reports and the report of Principal Bessey point out concretely some of the advances which have been made. It is of especial interest to note continued progress in our health program and an increasing interest in the work of several character building organizations.

The satisfactory educational progress has been especially due this year to the hearty co-operation of the educational staff and willingness on the part of the teachers to assume additional duties and responsibilities.

Over thirty meetings of the Board of Education have been held since the annual town meeting in March. The manner in which the members have given of their time and thought to the problems of the schools deserves the hearty appreciation of all citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. B. HEALD,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To Superintendent F. H. B. Heald:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as principal of Scarborough High School.

In looking over the school records for the present year, I find that during the semester just completed there has been the largest enrollment of pupils in the history of the High School. Seventy-six pupils, consisting of thirty-six boys and forty girls, have been registered. This is an increase of ten over the enrollment of last year. As we have but forty desks in our main room and sixteen and nine in each of the two recitation rooms, it has been necessary to crowd into most of the available space remaining portable desks for the use of these pupils. Because of this addition to our numbers and the increase in the size of our classes, many students during every period of the day must necessarily sit together in the narrow seats originally planned for a single pupil. This extreme congestion of seating space and the fact that the enrollment of the school promises to become larger each year should convince the citizens of Scarborough that some definite program to remedy this condition must be adopted and carried out in the near future.

Our daily attendance this year has measured up to its usual standard of excellence. The following pupils have not been absent, tardy, or dismissed: Helen Bowley, Ruth Hodgman, Elizabeth Knight, Elinor Lary, Hazel Morse, Marion Peterson, Lois Pillsbury, Mary Pillsbury, Norman Thurston, Margaret Urquhart, Bertha Westman, Ada Wentworth, Frances Bowley, Constance Higgins, Henrietta Meserve, Dagmar Olesen, Gerald Pillsbury, Gertrude Pooler, Chester Scamman, Elsie Sprague, Delila Woodward, Ruth Ahlquist, Ira Miliken, Alma Nielsen, Edward Nielsen, Gertrude Soule, Richard Ayer, Ernest Bowley, Almeda Burnham, James Lawler,

Joseph Libby, Stanley Pederson, Elmer Sawyer, Delia Smith, Bernice Thibeau and Clayton Urquhart.

The following pupils were placed on our Honor Roll for excellence in scholarship during the fall term: Students receiving five A's, Tena McKinney, Ethel Small; students receiving four A's, Elizabeth Knight, Mary Pederson, Willie Faulkner, Stanley Pederson, Norman Morse; students receiving three A's, Lois Pillsbury, Ada Wentworth, Ira Miliken, Elsie Sprague, Delila Woodward, Ralph Lorfano, Richard Ayer.

The High School is again a member of the Junior Red Cross. Its most active participation in the work of this organization has been the filling of several Christmas stockings for the disabled war veterans confined at the Parsonsfield Tubercular Sanitarium.

The drive for Red Cross membership in the town of Scarborough for the year 1926 was conducted by pupils of the High School with very satisfactory results under the efficient leadership of Frances Bryant Libbey, a member of our faculty.

More than half the students in school have been members of the Agricultural and Home Economics Clubs during the past year. Excellent work has been accomplished and four were chosen county champions for superior work in their projects. Two of the county champions later became state champions—Margaret Urquhart in the Cooking and House-keeping project and Stanley Harmon in the Garden project.

Scarborough High School has been represented in athletics this year by cross-country and basketball teams. The girls' basketball team is meeting with unusual success on the polished surface and is being ably coached by Miss Marjorie Sterling, another member of our faculty. We are planning to lay out a baseball field in the spring on the school lot recently acquired by the town and to revive the game of baseball

as a school sport. This game was discontinued several years ago because of no adequate playground.

A very gratifying thing to me is the fact that many of our graduates are continuing their education in higher institutions of learning. At present we have alumni studying at the University of California, Wittenberg College of Springfield, Ohio, Bates College, Northeastern University, Emerson College, Portland University, Gray's Business College and Lynn General Electric School.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Superintendent and the Board of Education for their co-operation in the administration of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ELWOOD G. BESSEY.

School Statistics.

School.	1925. Winter Term.			1925. Spring Term.			1925. Fall Term.		
	Length in Weeks.	Registration.	Average Attendance.	Length in Weeks.	Registration.	Average Attendance.	Length in Weeks.	Registration.	Average Attendance.
Scarborough High	12	62	59.5	10	58	55	14	76	70.2
Oak Hill Grammar	12	35	32	10	35	32	14	37	35
Oak Hill Primary	12	40	32.4+	10	43	33.8+	14	44	38+
Dunstan Grammar	12	18	16+	10	19	16.9	14	26	22.3
Dunstan Primary	12	25	22+	10	25	22.8	14	23	21.4
Black Point School	12	26	21.2	10	25	21.4+	14	33	29+
Blue Point School	12	32	26	10	30	29	14	25	22
Beech Ridge School	12	11	10.2+	10	12	11.7+	14	18	16.7
Beech Hill School	12	32	25.5+	10	31	26+	14	26	21.2
*Libby School	12	32	24	10	30	27+	14	46	40.9+
†No. Scarborough Sch'l	12	18	17.3	10	20	18.6+	14	21	19.6
Pine Point School	12	36	31+	10	36	31.5	14	34	31.8
Broad Turn School	12	12	11.6+	10	15	12.3+	14	15	13.5+

*Pupils of Libby School won a pennant from The National Tuberculosis Association.

†Pupils of North Scarborough School won first prize offered by Cumberland County Public Health Association, to the Scarborough school selling the greatest number of Christmas seals in proportion to enrollment.

School Year 1925-1926.

Roster of Teachers in Service at Present Time.

Our teachers have an enrollment of 100 per cent. membership in The Maine Teachers' Association and The National Education Association.

Name.	Teaching Experience.	Professional Training.
Elwood G. Bessey	13½	{ Bates College, A. B. Gray's Business College Officers' Training School Summer Courses, Bates College
Frances Bryant Libbey†	12½	{ Bates College, A. B. Summer Course, Bates College
Marjorie Sterling	½	Colby University, B. S.
Lida E. Libby*	35½	Graduate of Gorham Normal School
Laura J. Milliken	30½	Graduate of Gorham Normal School
Lena M. Sherman	13½	{ Summer Courses, Gorham Normal and Farmington Normal Schools Special Professional Course, Castine
Florence S. Baker	14½	{ Partial Course, Boston Teachers' Training School Summer Courses, Gorham Normal School
Leah G. Burnett	2½	{ Summer Courses, Gorham Normal School
Edith S. Kane†	7	Graduate of Castine Normal School
Florence Walker Hearn	5	{ Summer Course, Gorham Normal School
Doris B. Purdy†	1½	Graduate of Castine Normal School
Florence W. Stuart†	1½	Graduate of Gorham Normal School
Madeline L. Sheper	2½	Graduate of Gorham Normal School
Elsie L. Kuch	2½	Graduate of Gorham Normal School
Lillian M. Jordan†	½	{ Graduate of Farmington Normal School

*Formerly Superintendent of Schools.

†Hot noon lunch is supervised by teacher.

Financial Statement.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

1925.

Feb. 7.	Balance, fiscal year 1924-	
	1925,	\$ 315 25
Mar. 2.	Local taxation,	10,000 00
Dec.	State,	3,389 90
		\$13,705 15

EXPENDITURES.

Scarborough teachers' wages to date,	
ending Feb. 13, 1926,	\$9,972 00*
Fuel,	1,208 61
Janitors' services,	822 00
Union School:	
Proportional part of teachers' wages,	\$437 41
Proportional part of janitors' services,	11 21
	\$448 62
Conveyance:	
Scottow's Hill pupils,	540 00
	\$12,991 23
Balance,	\$713 92
*Balances due on account of previous year:	
Miss Burnett,	\$22.00
Miss Stuart,	22.00

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

1925.

Mar. 2.	Local taxation,	\$5,400 00
Dec.	State,	587 78
		\$5,987 78

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages to date, ending Feb.		
13, 1926,	\$5,377 40	
Janitors' services to date, ending Feb.		
13, 1926,	216 00	
Fuel,	154 72	
		\$5,748 12
Balance,		\$239 66

PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

RESOURCES.

Feb. 7. Balance, fiscal year 1924-		
1925,	\$27 25	
Mar. 2. Local taxation,	75 00	
		\$102 25

EXPENDITURES.

Fiscal year 1925-1926,		\$52 75
Balance,		\$49 50

TEXT BOOKS.

RESOURCES.

1925.		
Mar. 2. Local taxation,	\$550 00	
Dec. State,	100 00	
Scott, Foresman & Co. (rebate),	16 88	
		\$666 88

EXPENDITURES.

Fiscal year 1925-1926:		
Common schools,	\$386 01	
High school,	254 30	
		\$640 31
Balance,		\$26 57

SUPPLIES, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

1925.

Feb. 7.	Balance, fiscal year 1925-	
	1926,	\$ 217 59
Mar. 2.	Local taxation,	1,100 00
Dec.	State,	100 00
		\$1,417 59

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.

Common schools,	\$410 39
High school,	73 68
	\$484 07

Apparatus and Appliances.

Common schools:

School furniture (Libby School),	\$ 31 00
School furniture (Dunstan School),	48 40
School furniture (Blue Point School),	318 39
Toilet articles (Blue Point School),	3 55
Shovels (Blue Point School),	1 33
Flag (Blue Point School),	4 00
Curtains (Blue Point School),	51 00
Extra keys (Blue Point School),	1 48
H. A. Moulton and wife (Blue Point School),	15 50
Furnace (Blue Point School),	304 92
Installation of water service (Blue Point School),	39 94

Flags (other schools),	10 50	
Appliances (other schools),	20 00 approx.	
	<u>\$850 01</u>	
High school,	90 10	
	<u>—————</u>	\$940 11
		<u>\$1,424 18</u>
Overdraft,		<u>\$6 49</u>
Outstanding bills:		
Jacketed stove (Broad Turn School),	\$44 00	
Grates (other schools),	18 15	

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

RESOURCES.

1925.	
Mar. 2. Local taxation,	\$1,200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Fiscal Year 1925-1926

High school,	\$ 51 55	
Common schools,	<u>456 46</u>	\$508 01
		<u>\$691 99</u>
Balance,		

INSURANCE, RENT, LIGHT, AND WATER.

1925.	
Mar. 2. Local taxation,	\$400 00

EXPENDITURES.

High school:	
Insurance on building and equipment,	\$69 00
Electric lighting,	<u>7 05</u>
	\$76 05

Common schools:

Insurance on buildings and equipment,	\$276 00	
Electric lighting,	40 78	
Water,	43 72	
	<u>\$360 50</u>	\$436 55
Overdraft,		<u>\$36 55</u>

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

RESOURCES.

1925.

Mar. 2. Local taxation,	\$75 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Fiscal year 1924-1925,	<u>\$75 00</u>
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EVENING SCHOOL.

RESOURCES.

Unexpended balance,	\$377 30
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EXPENDITURES.

Inactive during present fiscal year, balance,	<u>\$377 30</u>
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CLUB WORK.

RESOURCES.

1925.

Mar. 2. Local taxation,	\$50 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Dec. 12. Prizes for boys,	\$20 45	
Dec. 12. Prizes for girls,	24 35	
Dec. 12. Rent of hall,	5 00	
	<u>\$49 80</u>	\$ 20
Balance,		<u>\$ 20</u>

Financial Summary, 1925-1926.

(Accounts through funds available from local taxation and state funds.)

	Total Resources.	Total Expenditures.	Balance.	Overdraft.
Common Schools	\$13,705 15	\$12,991 23	\$713 92	
High School	5,987 78	5,748 12	239 66	
Physical Education	102 25	52 75	49 50	
Textbooks	656 88	640 31	26 57	
Supplies, Apparatus and Appliances	1,417 59	1,424 18		\$ 6 49
Schoolhouse Repairs	1,200 00	508 01	691 99	
Insurance, Rent, Light and Water Accounts	400 00	436 55		36 55
Medical Inspection	75 00	75 00		
Evening School	377 30		377 30	
Club Work	75 00	49 80	20	

BLUE POINT SCHOOL.

Financed through agency of town notes.

RESOURCES.

Town notes, \$6,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Purchase of land,	\$1,000 00	
Laidlaw & Buckland, in full payment,	4,770 00	
Bond,	71 25	
Septic tank, drain pipe, and instal- lation of same,	117 75	
Flag pole,	6 20	
York & Boothby, electrical work,	9 84	
Other charges,	19 17	
		\$5,994 21
		\$5 79

